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Dear friend

When I was a young
boy was for some considerable
time a student
of Rockwell House
here. I think a visitor
of Dr. Wild's in that
place & have often
at my house - a brilliant
dark-eyed woman striking
in her personal appear-
ance, & gifted in conver-
sation. The husband
of her daughter

was current in our
neighborhood, & the
name of the gentleman was
Dr. Elliott of the U.S.
A. who I think died
in ~~the~~ Florida or in
some part of the extreme
South. He was ~~a~~
Haverhill-born.

After boyhood
I never saw her
until she came to
see me at Philadelphia
on her return from the
East in 1829. I interested
myself with J. R. Chandler
& others to get an audience
for two lectures by her.

She gave one, & declined
to give the other, because
the audience was smaller
than at the first.

She spent some days at
my boarding house, after
killing him an agreeable
and interesting guest to
a violent, tempered woman
of indomitable will. She
told us of her stay with
Lady Hester Newhope,
& that Lady H. kept two
white horses with a red
mark on the back of each
in the shape of a saddle,
ready waiting for the Com-
mander of the Lord - one of them
to be ridden by herself, to
Jerusalem. It seems that
H. L. insisted that she
was to accompany the
Lord on the spare horse;
& thereupon a quarrel arose
which ended in their

separation. The letters
proceed her I believe
about \$150. She said
she must go back to
Jerusalem to meet the
Commissary there. Even
then she was a noble
looking woman.

A friend of mine
years ago found her in
Syria, with a fragment of
a Median tribe, of
which she was the head
- its spiritual & temporal
chief.

I do not think I
have exaggerated her
characteristic in Persian
times. I certainly did
not intend to.

My friend
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